the way of satisfactory lifting of sugar and foodgrain by Delhi Administration. Adequate steps were taken to ensure that imported sugar was distributed in an equitable manner. Lifting of sugar by the Delhi Administration has improved in December, 1994.

Pending Applications for Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

2794. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of co-operative sugar factories which are likely to be given licences in Maharashtra during the current plan period ;

(b) the number of licences given during the last three years ;

(c) the number of applications lying pending ; and

(d) what is the policy with regard to inviting private sector in sugar industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The number of new licences to be issued for setting up of new sugar factories in Maharashtra, during the current plan period would depend upon various factors, like balance capacity available for licensing, availability of sugarcane/ potential for development of sugarcane, financial viability of the projects etc.

(b) 17 letters of intent for establishment of new sugar factories in the Co-operative sector have been issued in the State of Maharashtra during the last three sugar years, i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (October—Sept.).

(c) and (d) As on 31-10-94, 240 applications were received through the Department of Industrial Development for establishment of new sugar factories in the State of Maharashtra. Of these, 225 applications have been scrutinised by the Screening Committee. After examination, recommendations of the Ministry of Food were sent to the Ministry of Industry for consideration by the Licensing Committee. The remaining 15 applications are still under consideration in the Ministry of Food.

As per the licensing policy guidelines announced by the Govt. of India vide Press Note No. 16 (1991) Series dated 8-11-91, while considering the applications for grant of letters of intent/licences for establishment of new sugar factories, other things being equal, preference in licensing will be given to proposals from the cooperative sector and the public sector, in that order, as compared to the private sector.

Benefits to Languages in Eighth Schedule

2795. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the benefits given to a language included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution ; and

(b) the amount of money allocated by Government for the development of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) There are no codified instructions which give details of benefits given to languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. However, the State Governments as well as the Ministries in the Union do use these languages for various purposes viz., providing facilities for instructions upto the secondary level of education, conduct of examination by UPSC, printing of denomination value on curency notes, translation of Central Acts, etc.

Art. 344 of the Constitution provides that a representative of the languages specified in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution may be appointed by the President on the Commission of Official Language. Further, Art. 351 of the Constitution provides that in developing Hindi Language and its vocabulary, the forms, style and expressions used in languages specified in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution shall be assimilated where necessary.

(b) Allocation for development of languages during 1992-93 to 1994-95 is as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		Total	
	Plan	N-Plan	Plan	N-Plan	Plan	N-Plan	Plan	N-Plan
Hindi	519	469	623	419	680	514	1822	1402
MIL	307	278	430	286	478	304	1215	868
Sanskrit	374	573	424	560	519	632	1317	1765